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re: Westside Energy Corridor Programmatic DEIS, Preliminary Draft Corridor Map
(SHPO File # 0706RLC001)

Dear Department of Energy:

Thank you for consulting with the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) regarding the above referenced map. The scale and clarity of the map published on your website is such as to limit specific comment, several issues are readily apparent. Based on the map and our knowledge of the known resources, the selected corridors have a high probability of adversely affected the following linear historic properties;

- The Oregon, California, Mormon and Pony Express National Historic Trails (and their variants)
- The Cherokee Trail
- The Overland Trail
- The Bridger Trail
- The Bozeman Trail
- The Lincoln Highway
- The 1868 Transcontinental Railroad
- The Sawyer Expedition Route
- Various lesser stage and freight roads

We also received the shape file for the proposed corridor from Gnomon, Inc. and want to thank you for making it available to our office at this time. Based upon a query of our records using your preliminary shape files, there are 5,341 previously recorded sites within a one-mile buffer of the proposed project areas. Of these 5,341 sites, 1,041 are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), 19 are listed on the NRHP, one is a National Landmark, 3,014 are not eligible and 1,261 are unevaluated for inclusion in the NRHP. Please be aware that only portions of the areas identified have been previously surveyed for cultural resources. The actual number of cultural resources



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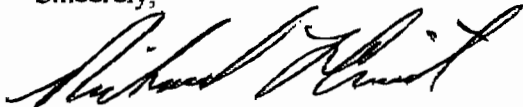
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within the proposed energy corridor is undoubtedly much greater. We also noted the shape files are not a contiguous project across the state at this time. We anticipate you will be making modifications to the corridor in the future.

In addition, many of the areas identified have a high potential for containing Traditional Cultural Properties. We would encourage the Department of Energy to initiate Native American Consultation as early as possible.

Please refer to SHPO project #0706RLC001 on any future correspondence regarding this project. If you have any questions, please contact me at 307-777-5497.

Sincerely,



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